



COMFORT FOR INVALIDS.

Ideal Chairs, Carrying Chairs, Pillows and Night Lamps.

How to Enjoy the Delights of Convalescence—Some Conventions and Contrivances of Great Practical Benefit.

Some one—was it Tom Cringle?—said that it was worth while going through the yellow fever to enjoy the delights of convalescence, and in like manner it may be said that a smart bout of illness is not too large a price to pay for enjoying the sole and undisturbed rights to occupy for a couple of weeks a properly erected out-of-door chair, such a one as I saw the other day, made ready as a surprise for one who had been suffering many months, and had still a weary time of convalescence ahead.

This chair is really all that the heart could wish for. Its springs are of the easiest and most approved French make. In form it is not so remarkable, perhaps, being a horse-foot and deep-seated, with a convenient footrest concealed under the frame-work, which pulls out and transforms the chair with the addition of a few more cushions into a fine, easy lounge, when "to be down" seems the one thing desired in life.

But in conveniences and contrivances it equals a yacht's cabin. It is fitted up with all manner of things which can add to the occupant's comfort and happiness. Every appliance is at hand with scarcely the trouble of moving, or what is worse still, the independent spirit, ruffled and nervous from disease—sitting for help to find books, work or writing materials. It is a reading-table attached to its broad, well-cushioned right arm. A small table, working on a swivel, and easily pushed aside when not needed, is fastened to its left arm. A graceful lamp-stand in wrought-iron, with a pretty bowl and glass shade, is fastened to the left side of its well-upholstered back. A roomy receptacle for lighter books, work and various odds and ends, opens from the inside of one arm. A delightful writing-table supplied with all that heart could wish is its opposite neighbor.

Another comfort lately introduced for the use of invalids is the clever invention of a lady who was persuaded to try her hand at patents by the force of circumstances.



NEW INVALID CHAIR AND SPINAL SUPPORT.

While nursing her husband during a long illness she felt the necessity of providing some comfortable support for his head, and finally devised an arrangement of spiral wires set in a supporting frame which gives a soft springy back and is adjustable to any position. We have all at various times expelled our brains by clanking and creaking to make the temporary "biting up" a restful change. I went yesterday to see a friend who is convalescing from a severe illness, but not yet strong enough to bear the fatigues of a change to the sofa, and found her happily reclining in the possession of one of these detectable inventions.

Still another new invalid's contrivance, which is also the result of a woman's wit, is a very simple, constructed chair designed for the purpose of carrying a patient from the bed to the sofa, or from room to room. It consists of strips of canvas which are easily slipped under a patient, and when lifted form a canvas chair, either in an upright position or a reclining one. This contrivance is without doubt the very best yet discovered for moving an invalid, or hospital case, from room to room, or from the bed to the sofa, and is a boon to the nurse or attendant.

Apart from the suffering, one of the greatest trials to bear in a long illness is the dead monotony of being shut up within a limited space of four walls, however attractive and cheerful the room may be. A change to one or less agreeable aspect and surroundings brings with it a sense of repose and rest. Many invalid chairs have been patented, but all of them necessitate more or less tension, or a disturbance on the part of the patient.

If I wanted to make a useful and at the same time pretty gift to a sick friend I know of nothing likely to be more acceptable than a new night lamp which was shown me yesterday. It is made in the shape of a candle, which fits into a low Queen Anne silver candlestick. The candle forms the receptacle for the oil, there is a little crystal globe at top, and a frame which supports a dimly lighted globe, which is used on the dinner table candlestick. The light is soft and clear, and the lamp is warranted to burn all night.—Isabel Dundas, in St. Louis Republic.

A Substitute for Coffee. These persons who find it impossible to drink coffee, on account of its effect on the digestion or nervous may find the following substitutes acceptable. Take three quartet best brew, one quart corn meal, three tablespoonfuls of molasses, mix and brown in the oven the ordinary coffee. For every cup of coffee required use one heaping tablespoonful of the caramel. Four boiling water over it and steep, not boil, for fifteen or twenty minutes.



NOVEL SLEEVE, WRAP AND HAT.

At the right is a new black dress hat, bent in the old style of 1890 and trimmed with elaborate velvet rosettes and black feathers and ribbons. On the left is a novel sleeve for spring walking dresses. This is of silk and it has a cut-out body and sleeves and buckles. In the center is a new walking wrap of heavy light drab, with a border of rough trimmed fur. The wrap is not lined. A black velvet hat of similar style is worn with it, trimmed with mottled feathers, drab and brown. The gown is of stamped cloth.

FOR LITTLE FOLKS.

A Prize Doll.

Perhaps never before in the annals of doll history was there such a distinguished collection of charmingly attired dolls as that which confronted the committee of ladies assembled to decide upon the winner of the \$20 prize offered for the doll the outcome of which boasted the greatest originality of design and the finest sewing.

If there were 25 prizes to be distributed instead of one, fitting awards could easily have been made, so exquisite was



the work which had been lavished upon the dainty competitors for the prize. Alas! there could be but one prize winner, although many were almost equally worthy of the distinction.

There were no shoddy pretenders of doll craftsmanship among the group. Each miniature belle was robed as if for a fête, the dainty lingerie which incased her pointed form being fashioned of the finest silk or lawn, trussed by hand and trimmed with dainty work, tulle, hand-made lace and hemstitching so fine as to rival the spider's web. Then there were dolls with outsize heads ready to start on a long tour, taller made dolls and happy brides with stately but not equally attractive gowns in evening dress. Baby dolls there were in plenty, with garments rich to behold, and black dolls prepared for service.

The doll awarded the prize was sent by Josephine Mulford, Madison, N. J. It was not only considered the most original in design, but was also awarded the palm for exquisite needlework, thus combining the two required attributes.

Mrs. Mulford says of her doll: "This doll represents music, and I have embroidered the correct notes of 'The New York Herald March' around the bottom of the dress."

"I have sewed 21,415 stitches in this costume, not counting the collar. My name and address are also written on the body of the doll."—New York Herald.

New Word.

When little Maud began to go to school, she was the laughing-stock of scholars. She was naughty in so reckless a way that little Hilda, her sister, two years older than she, became heartily ashamed of her. Maud occasionally talked aloud in class; she made such absurd faces that even the teacher was forced to smile, and she cherished so hearty a love for recess that it was difficult to induce her to come in when the quarter hour was over.

As she was a very little girl and quite unused to rules or punishments, no very severe measures were taken with her. But Hilda had at last borne all she could. "Mamma," she said one day, when she came home with tears in her eyes, "mamma! Maud give up going to school till she knows how to behave better!"

"But I hope she will learn by going," said her mother. "We must have patience, you know."

"But, mamma, she does things that are just awful, and everybody knows she is my sister, and I am so ashamed!" "Well, Hilda, I think we must keep

on doing our best, and just help her to be good."

"Oh, I'd do that," said Hilda, two tears stealing down her cheeks. "I'm not tired of Maud and her naughtyness, but, mamma, I am tired of being so complicated by her!"—Youth's Companion.

"Planting" Wheat.

Speedily sew from the bag many girls, in going for seedling in car. Charlie was crowned, but the author's best like straight to Miss Toddler's feet. "Mamma, Miss Dimple! I've laid you an egg! Give me some more or some wheat, I beg!" There's plenty around. Don't you think I know? And the egg in the hay-mow's whitens above."



Toddler's apron was filled with wheat. The best of the winter's store. It was not to stay with and not to eat. But to plant and to grow into corn. Speedily saw it with reverent eyes. Cuddled about, "I have found a prize." These of the little girl's apron, and of scattered the wheat to the ground below.

Toddler's cried in a tone of awe. Wishing the best of wishes. "Papa, she's planted the wheat in her apron! Do you expect it to grow and grow?" Papa laughed out all the time, and his great Toddler's, "I should have thought you were young."

Speedily winked. "That wheat will grow. It will come in early. Don't you think I know?"—Mag. 31, Anderson in Christian at Work.

ODDS AND ENDS.

Germany is to adopt American grain elevators. About 1,270,000 articles are pledged with London pawnbrokers each week.

Artificial limbs are usually made of willow wood on account of its lightness.

There are no interest-bearing state debts in Michigan, Iowa, Indian Territory, Wisconsin or Illinois.

On the body of a nation's origin and, recently killed in Turkey, was found 21,000 and a number which showed he had nourished 192 men.

Steel has been used for shipbuilding only 14 years, yet it is estimated that 96 per cent of the vessels built at the present day are of steel.

In a series of experiments at Naples it has been found that the salts of lithium have the effect of producing monstrosities in the eggs of some marine creatures.

Notice to Contractors. The board of education will receive proposals at this office, in the city building until 7:30 p. m. on the 20th inst. for wiring, piping, speaking tubes and electric bells for the city high school building, according to plans and specifications in the office of the architect, J. C. Holland.

The board reserves the right to reject all bids.

H. W. FALKSWORTH, Clerk. Topeka, Kan., Feb. 19, 1894.

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NOW IS THE TIME. Money is tight and profitable and profitable in "good times" "dull times." They look to the future. In the year 1894 for what they want, and they get it. They expect that the year 1894 will be their year. They expect that the year 1894 will be their year. They expect that the year 1894 will be their year.

SOLID THROUGH TRAINS FROM Kansas City to St. Joseph TO ST. LOUIS, CHICAGO, OMAHA, PEORIA, ST. PAUL, MINNEAPOLIS. ONLY ONE CHANGE OF CARS TO THE ATLANTIC COAST. THE BEST LINE FOR New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Washington, AND ALL PORTS NORTH AND EAST. D. O. IVES, General Passenger Agent, St. Louis.

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The Battle in Massachusetts.

The municipal reform bill will be taken up and acted upon by the Massachusetts house of representatives as soon as the demand of the supreme court is obtained upon the constitutionality of the three amendments which the opposition have vainly sought to engraft upon the bill—, that the law shall not take effect unless ratified by the vote of the state; or, 2, by the vote of the towns of the state; or, 3, shall take effect only in those towns or cities in which it shall be ratified by the men. It is probable that if the opponents succeed in adding any one of these three amendments to the bill they will immediately turn round as they did last year and vote against the bill in committee. Last year's experience shows that it took many efforts to make the house. Let it be squarely met. If municipal reform suffrage is right, vote it; if wrong, vote it down.—Boston Woman's Journal.

Progressive Frenchwomen.

The pioneer and great organizer of the campaign for women's rights in France—Mrs. Maria Durand—has a devoted band of disciples. They have lately issued a spirited address, which appears on the walls of Paris, and in which they claim for the Frenchwomen the right to dispose of the fruit of her labor without such interference. The person who drafted the bill and to be made recently, and was generally known the members of the Women's Rights Association on legal points, Madame Jeanne Chauvin, who passed a brilliant examination in jurisprudence some time ago and is a lawyer of law. This bill empowering women engaged in trade or work for the objects of judges of the tribunals of commerce is the first to be read by the senate on this question of women's rights, and the supporters of the cause feel that they have gained a great victory.—Paris Letter.

Home.

For-lord friends departed. The fact is that they covered a multitude of sins in the opinion of the foreman, and when pretty triumph and shaped gave even to plain faces a beauty of their own. Now that so many women affect the straight parting it is lately seen that it greatly increases or detracts from the beauty of most faces. When the face is narrow, the hair is parted in the middle and waved all the way to the back. The fashion of wearing little curls in front of the ear or of turning the hair down over the eyes is becoming to faces with small features. When the face is dark, it gives a strong oriental appearance. As for the extreme of the fashion, which covers the entire ear with the waves of hair, little may be said in its favor, save as a preventive of taking cold.—Chicago News.

How Many Inodes.

The prevailing "hard times" and the large number of men and women out of work induced a New England farmer to write to a San Francisco office and offer to cure for at least one of the unemployed. He says: "I would like to get a strong, reliable, healthy young woman for general work on my farm. To one who can cook, make butter, milk cows, milk calves, wash and iron, mend, scrub and who will be able to do a little outside work I will give a good home, with board."

Great as the army of unemployed, no one has yet been found who cared to accept this munificent offer. And yet—how many patient, faithful farmers' wives are uncomplainingly wearing away strength and life in doing just what this man asks for.—Youth's Companion.

She Gets a Good Start.

Mrs. Alice M. Hart, who founded the Domestic Industrial Fund and who has charge of the industrial and technical exhibit in the Irish village at the World's fair, has received gold medals for the home industries shown—spinning, weaving, lacemaking, knit goods, embroidery, etc. A certificate from the Irish judges says that "in carrying of heavy loads she surpassed everything that had been previously done in that line." The exhibit has been in Philadelphia for some weeks and attracts much attention. It is chiefly through the efforts of Mrs. Hart that the Irish peasantry have been instructed in these various home industries and enabled to get their work upon the market, which has afforded much relief in the distressed districts.—Philadelphia Call.

Professor Joanna Baker.

Professor Joanna Baker of Iowa was instructed in Greek and Latin by her parents from the age of 4. At 8 she had finished all the primary books in Greek, Latin and French. At 10 she had read Demosthenes, Herodotus, Sallust and Cicero. At 15 she had read Edipus Tyrannus and made critical notes. In her teens she was a Greek tutor in Simpson college, Iowa, in which her father was Greek professor, and published a translation of "Plato's Academy." Having studied at Cornell and DePauw university, Professor Joanna returned to Iowa, where she is now filling her father's chair of Greek in Simpson college.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The Daily State Journal prints all the news.